

## **Hurricane Charley -- Corps Support to FEMA**

Hurricane Charley came ashore on the west Coast of Florida as a Category 4 hurricane. Wind gusts were measured up to 185 mph, with sustained winds of 140 mph. There are many communities in Florida that are completely devastated, and many others that received significant damage. Initial reports suggest that as many 10,000 people cannot immediately return to their homes, and hundreds of thousands remain without power and drinking water. In support of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Corps of Engineers has been working around the clock in preparation for and response to the Hurricane. The Emergency Operation Centers (EOC) of three districts (Wilmington, Charleston, and Jacksonville) and one Division (South Atlantic Division) were activated prior to landfall and supplies and personnel were pre-positioned to staging areas in Florida. The Corps supplied 500,000lbs of ice and 267,000 liters of water as pre-disaster declaration support.

The Corps is providing support to FEMA as the lead agency for Emergency Support Function #3 under the Federal Response Plan. FEMA has tasked the Corps of Engineers to provide commodities such as water and ice, and to provide Corps of Engineers subject matter experts to advise local officials on power, temporary roofing, temporary housing, and debris removal missions.

As of 18 August, 193 personnel from across the Corps are supporting Hurricane Charley recovery efforts. Specific on-going support actions include:

Water: The Corps has been tasked to provide 40 truckloads of water per day for the next 5 days (17 Aug - 21 Aug).

Ice: The Corps has been tasked to provide 40 truckloads of ice per day for the next 5 days (17 Aug - 21 Aug)

Power: Corps teams have performed approximately 200 power assessments and are installing generators to support high-priority requirements.

Temporary Roofing: Corps subject matter experts are providing quality assurance oversight and training to volunteer organizations. In addition, the Corps will make materials available to citizens who want to perform their own temporary roof repairs.

Temporary Housing: The Corps is currently participating in planning efforts to meet temporary housing needs.

Debris Removal: The Corps is conducting debris removal assessments and providing technical assistance in nine of eighteen affected counties; FEMA is coordinating with the other nine counties.